GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF FISH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the sharp decline in the production of fish in the Orissa coast of Bay of Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to augment fish production in the State ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Due to reduction of a substantial area of the coast line to conserve Ollive ridley sea turtle in the earmarked areas like Gahirmatha, Marine Nile Life sanctuary (1435sq.km), Jatadhar to Devi river mouth (20kms), Chilka mouth to Rusikulya mouth (20 kms) stretch towards sea during January to May every year, there is a reduction in fish landing in these areas.

(c): The steps taken to augment fish production are as follows:

(i) Subsidy for Motorisation of traditional crafts providing Outboard Motor Engine(OBM) and Inboard Motor Engine(IBM),

(ii) Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil supplied to mechanised vessels below 20M length,

(iii) Modernisation of existing fishing crafts by providing modern fishing appliances like GPS, fish finder, etc.,

(iv) Regulating mesh size of fishing gears.

(v) Setting up of 30 Fish Farmers Development Agencies

(vi) Promoting coastal aquaculture through 7 Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies.